



Smallboat Fall Invitational

Southern Maryland Sailing Association

5th & 6th October 2024

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 5:00 pm on the day before the race at www.smsa.com.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the online official notice board. It is our intent to also post Sailing Instruction on the Southern Maryland Sailing Association front window.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.smsa.com, under the Smallboat Racing link.
- 3.2 All boats may carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72 and 16.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to any monohull dinghy or multihull ranging from 8-20 feet (2.5-6 meters) in length.
- 4.2 Anticipated classes are: ILCA, Buccaneer 18, and Portsmouth. Any class with a minimum of 4 boats will be scored separately, a class of 5 boats may be started separately. The RC may, before the first race of the day and depending on the number and type of entries, combine classes, elect to score additional classes, or split the Portsmouth Fleet.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.smsa.com.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 REGISTRATION & FEE

- 5.1 Entry fees include coffee, juice, and donuts each morning of racing.
- 5.2 Early registration (includes a regatta short sleeve tech shirt) on or before 9/19/24: \$70
- 5.3 Standard registration 9/20/24 or later (no shirt included): \$80
- 5.4 Enter online at www.smsa.com. Send questions to: smallboatrace@smsa.com
- 5.5 Other fees:
- 5.6 Saturday evening dinner (Crab feast and BBQ); Must be purchased no later than Sept 29; \$30 per person; \$15 Ages 12 & Under; Ages 5 & Under FREE
- 5.7 Additional pre-order shirts on or before 9/13/24: \$30 short sleeve tech shirt; \$35 long sleeve tech shirt; and \$40 Hooded, UV or Hooded UV tech shirt. Extra shirts may be available for purchase at the regatta.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Yard arrival, event staging and happy hour: Friday, 4 October 2024.

- 6.2 Competitors Meeting: **0930** Saturday, 5 October 2024 at the SMSA Clubhouse.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday, 5 October 2024 is **1100**.
- 6.4 Additional races will follow at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.5 No warning signal is planned after **1500** on Saturday.
- 6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is **1030**.
- 6.7 No warning signal is planned after **1400** on Sunday.
- 6.8 Results are anticipated to be announced 1 hour after RC arrives on shore on Sunday.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Nor Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing area.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Anticipated courses are windward-leeward and/or Olympic Triangle with inflatable drop marks.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.
- 9.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.5 Rule A5.3 applies.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of registrants as of 9/20/2024.

12 SOCIAL

- 12.1 There is a gathering at the SMSA clubhouse after racing for a daily results presentation. Beverages available for purchase both days.
- 12.2 Saturday October 5th will also be the SMSA crab feast. Tickets are sold separately for this event and is NOT included in the race fees.
- 12.3 Sunday October 6th, there will be beverages for purchase and food at the end of the regatta provided for the racers which is included in racing fees.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information please contact the SMSA Small Boat Chair at smallboatrace@smsa.com.

Addendum 1

